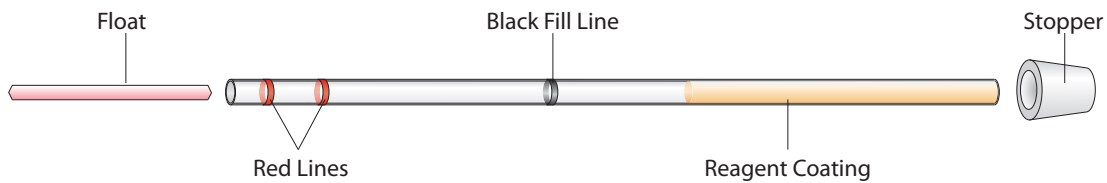
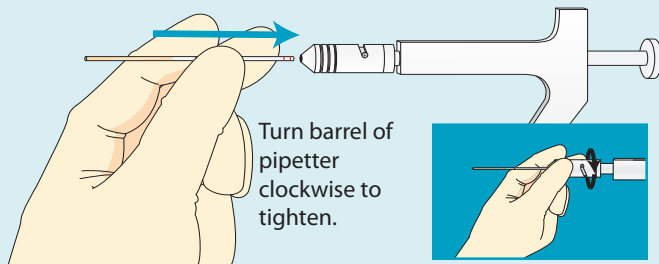


**TUBE PREPARATION**



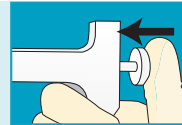
**1. Place Tube in Pipetter**

Open barrel of pipetter and hold in horizontal position. Insert end of tube nearest red fill lines into pipetter.



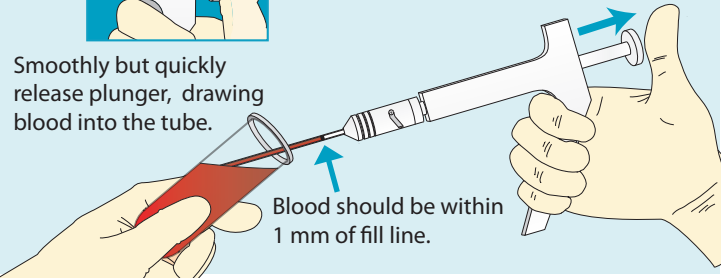
Turn barrel of pipetter clockwise to tighten.

**2. Fill Tube**



Depress plunger fully, as shown, and insert end of tube into sample of well mixed blood.

Smoothly but quickly release plunger, drawing blood into the tube.

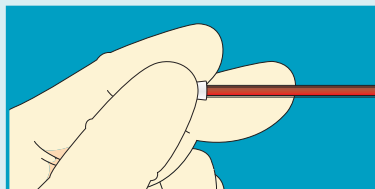
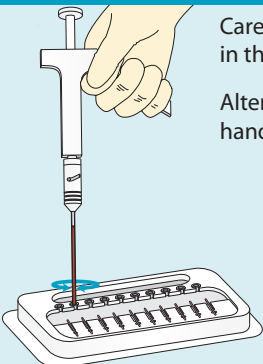


Blood should be within 1 mm of fill line.

**3. Seal Tube**

Carefully press the tube into an open stopper in the test tray. Twist until stopper is sealed.

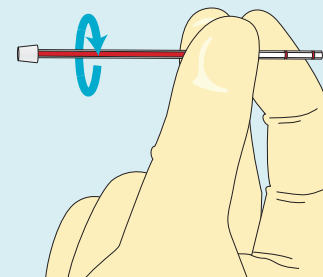
Alternately, the stopper can be affixed by hand, as seen below.



**4. Roll Tube**

Remove tube from pipetter. Gently roll between fingers at least 10 times to mix blood with acridine orange coating.

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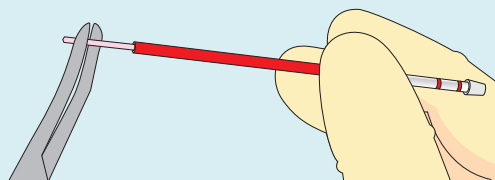
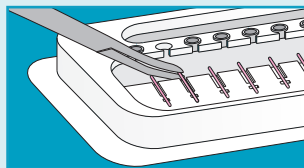


**5. Insert Float**

Using clean forceps, pick up a float from the test tray well.

Insert float into the unsealed end of the tube, and tap into the tube with the forceps.

DO NOT touch the float with your fingers.



**6. Read Results**

Open the lid of the QBC Capillary Centrifuge and remove the cover. Place the tube with the stopper end to the outside. Replace the cover and close the lid.

Tubes should be placed in a balanced array. If an uneven number of tubes is spun, an empty tube should be added for balance.

Start the centrifuge and run for 5 minutes. You may now analyze the tube using the QBC AUTOREAD Plus<sup>™</sup> analyzer.

